

REMARKS

In reply to the non-final Office Action of April 13, 2007, issued under Ex parte Quayle, applicants submit the following remarks. Claims 1-27 are pending, with claims 1 and 11 being independent. Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 1-27 are allowed.

The abstract has been objected to, and the applicants have amended the abstract in response. Support for the amendments to the abstract may be found in the application at least in originally filed claims 1 and 11. No new matter has been added. The amended abstract is believed to address the Examiner's concerns. Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections to the abstract are respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance.

It is believed that all of the pending issues have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, objection, issue, or comment, including the Office Action's characterizations of the art, does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue, or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment or cancellation of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment or cancellation. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the rejected claims in further prosecution of this or related applications.

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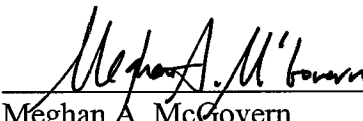
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136, applicants hereby petition that the period for response to the Office Action dated April 13, 2007, be extended for one month to and including July 13, 2007.

A fee in the amount of \$60 for the Petition for Extension of Time fee is being paid concurrently herewith on the Electronic Filing System (EFS) by way of Deposit Account authorization. No additional fee is believed due. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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